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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO AMEMBASSY BERLIN

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SUBJECT: RELIEF FROM VALUE ADDED TAX

REFTEL: (A) BERLIN 6087, (B) USMISSION BERLIN 0339,
(C) BONN 2565, (D) BONN 2046

1. COMPETENT FRG MINISTRY OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT A
REFUND AS SOUGHT BY AMEMBASSY BERLIN (REFTEL A) IS
IMPOSSIBLE.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT AMEMBASSY BERLIN CONSIDER TAKING
ADVANTAGE OF THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN THE SECOND
PARAGRAPH OF REFTTEL B IN ORDER TO MAKE FUTURE TAX-FREE
PURCHASES IN WEST BERLIN. OUR FINANCE MINISTRY CONTACTS
ONCE MORE STRONGLY ALLUDED TO THIS ALTERNATIVE AS THE
PREFERRED METHOD FOR AVOIDING PAYMENT OF THE FRG VAT
(REFTEL D). THEY REPEATED THAT THIS WAS THE APPROACH
OTHER EMBASSIES IN BERLIN HAD BEEN UTILIZING.

3. A NEW CONTACT IN THE MINISTRY WHO HAS RESPONSI-
BILITIES IN THIS AREA, HERR HUENNEKENS, STATED THAT THE
INTERZONAL RATE OF 6 PERCENT WAS APPLICABLE ONLY TO
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COMMERCIAL TRADE SETTLED ON A CLEARING ACCOUNT BASIS.

THIS INTERPRETATION WOULD SEEM TO DISQUALIFY AMEMBASSY
BERLIN FROM THE 6 PERCENT PREFERENTIAL RATE.
HILLENBRAND

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